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ALEXANDRIA:

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A distinguished scholar and citizen of the South has recently visited the Island of Cuba, for the express purpose of studying the civil institutions and social habitudes of its people. Originally favoring the proposed acquisition of the island, he was, as the result of his personal observations, induced to modify his previous convictions, in regard to its expediency, and now through the National Intelligencer presents a few of the social considerations which mainly operated to produce this change in his opinions. He objects strongly to the purchase, annexation, or acquisition of the Island, at present.

The Washington States, in relation to the present condition of Cuba, and the proposition to purchase, or get possession of it, says: "In all candor, we admit that the object appears unattainable for the present. We do not pretend to anticipate future developments; but except the aspect of affairs be entirely changed by some event of great and pervading consequence, the annexation of Cuba must be regarded as an impossible achievement. At any rate, we trust the American Government will desist from all talk about the purchase of the island. We are equally concerned that no inconsiderate and absurd proposition for the seizure of Cuba, as an indemnity for unsatisfied claims, will be entertained by Congress. He who asks justice must do justice; and before the United States propose to coerce the collection of their debts against Spain, they should discharge the obligations which Spain holds against them. If the acquisition of Cuba is still to be promoted as an object of national policy, let it be pursued in a manly way, and be justified by adequate considerations. Let us disdain the expedients of the countinghouse and the violence of the highway. Let us move only from the promptings of a legitimate policy, and be directed in our course by the principles of justice and honor."

The Richmond Enquirer heartily applauds Mr. Letcher, for his vote against the "Old Soldiers' Pension Bill." It tells him he " has stricken a good blow," and begs him to go on. "and strike another, and yet another, more and more, without intermission, and in the same direction." It adds:-

"Let him examine every existing abuse and stop every present leak in the public finances. Let him with all his might assail Pacific railroads and bankrupt bills, protective tariff bills, land office and post office deficits, increased standing army bills, immense prospective appropriations for the use of the department of foreign affairs, and all suggestions for expensive war preparations in the midst of peace. Urgently, persistently, battling against all these n the floor of Congress-he can rally the Democracy of Virginia to his support with a force and influence a hundred fold more ef-fective than he could employ by taking the stump in every county in the State,'

The Lynchburg Virginian says:-"The Whigs of the revolution did not stop to calculate the chances of defeat, when two or three millions of people set themselves in array against a power, compared with which, Rome, in the height of her conquest and glory, was not to be mentioned. Defeat and disaster, crowding thick and fast upon them did not paralyze their energies, nor cause them to trail their banner in the dust. Let us take courage and acquit ourselves like men who deserve success. Let us close the ranks of that once serried host that of old went forth to battle under the most glorious political leader ever vouchsafed to any party; like him prefer defeat to dishonor; resistance to submission. Let us afford to the young men of the country an opportunity of casting their maiden votes for good men with good principles, rather than for good men with unsound political opinions.'

The Charlestown Free Press says that the appointment of Mr. Alfred M. Barbour, as Superintendent of the Military Academy, at Harper's Ferry, will give general satisfaction. Although a young man he has the intelligence to guide him in the discharge of the heavy responsibilities devolving upon himand should be be met with that disposition which should characterize the conduct of the employees, the interests of the government will not be compromitted, whilst the artizans will have no cause of complaint. Mr. B. having identified himself by marriage with the people of Jefferson, he will feel an interest in every thing promoting the prosperity of the county, which does not require a sacrifice of duty to his position.

The Duke of Calabria, son of the King of Naples and heir to the throne, is, according to a correspondent of the Courrier des Etats Unis, now twenty-two years old, and is something of an oddity. Yew persons, even in Naples, know him by sight. He lives in a very retired way, and never travels; the only excursions he has made so far, having been to Gaeta and back to Naples. His character is so grave and reflective, that his physiognomy would announce a man of thirty rather than twenty-two years. He talks but little, even with his father, but is less reserved with his mother. He is never presented to the foreign ambassadors, and only the ministers of the kingdom know him.

The subject of the importation of African slaves into Southern States is likely to occupy the attention of Congress upon the resumption of the session. Several members are to bring it forward in the form of resolutions of inquiry. The facts of the case, so far as officially known to the executive, will thus be elicited. In one of Mr. C. L. Lamar's letters to Secretary Cobb he stated that it was his intention to violate the law prohibiting the slava trade, relying upon the public sentiment of the South for his justification.

A Bichmond letter-writer speculates as follows "Our merchants incline to the opinion that the price of Tobacco, this year, will continue at recent quotations, and some believe that a variety of causes will influence an advance in prime qualities. The enormous increase in the consumption of the weed is the principal circumstance on which the be-

COL. JOHN TAYLOR, of King George County, withdraws his name as a candidate for the State Senate, from the Prince William district. He returns his thanks to his friends for their good will towards him

A correspondent of the Boston Advertiser, said by some to be the Hon. Charles Sumner, "To show the very age and body of the TIMES." repeats, with circumstances of "authenticinformation," the statement that Lord Napier has been recalled from Washington because of dissatisfaction with his conduct on the part of the British Government. We have an "assurance" that the recall of Lord Napier was provoked by his sympathy and association with Southern men in the slavery controversy, and he himself regards the appointment to the Hague as a virtual degradation. We are advised, moreover, that Mr. Sumner pressed the recall. We doubt the whole story. It is not at all probable.

The receipts at the shipping ports continue larger than ever, and, short crop croakers, for the first time in the history of cotton growing, are all dumb. The receipts of last week, says the Boston Journal, contrary to expectation. were the largest of any week this season, reaching 145,000 bales. The staple, under these large supplies, is declining, notwithstanding the increased consumption and the low rate of freight. Reports from interior towns and depots throughout the Southern country, state that at no former period was the accumulation of cotton so large as it is now. Under the circumstances, it is natural that the price should decline.

The Washington States admits that no argument can be adduced in justification of an infraction of the law against the slave-trade, which Black Republicans may not employ in apology for a violation of the law against the escape of fugitives from labor. And it entreats the South, if it would cherish its reputation and maintain the guaranties of its institutions, not to connive at an audacious defiance of the obligations of public order and the legitimate authority of Government.

We have papers from the Sandwich Islands dated at Honolulu on the 18th ult. A number of emigrants had arrived from Melbourne and Caliao, bound to Frazer river. Whalers were arriving in numbers, but the take was not very good, and consequently trade was comparatively dull. A question of international interest, as between France and the United States, had originated in consequence of the French Consul having taken off a Frenchman who engaged to serve on the American vessel.

The Hanover (Pa.) Spectator gives an account of a riot on the Gettysburg railroad, at Oxford, on Tuesday evening. It appears that a gang of rowdies attacked the workmen from Hanover, for some slight cause, and that pistols, bowie knives, swords and brickbats were freely used, and several persons more or less injured. Eight or ten arrests were made, and the parties committed to jail at Gettysburg

A correspondent of a New York paper says that he made a brief tour of inspection in the Bowery on Sunday evening. At the Volks-Garten he was assured by one of the proprie tors that fifteen thousand glasses of lager had been sold that evening at the single bar where he stood, and that the number of glasses sold in the establishment, up to ten o'clock, was | ing the operation he punctured the windpipe, not less than fifty thousand.

In order that some idea may be had of the cost of the Patent Office Report fancy pic tures, we will cite a few of the cases connected with the report of 1856;-In the House edition a horse cost \$10,576,50; a strawberry \$10,576,50; a sheep \$10,576,50; a map \$3. 807.54. For the Senate edition the same pictures cost \$6,979.15.

The banished and discontented Paraguans at Buenos Ayres, (numbering some two hundred) are in a high state of glee at the prospeet of a visit to their shores by a Yankee squadron, and have magnified the reports to the extent of the "invincible Armada.

We learn from the New York Day Book, that a Professor Bartoletti in that city has caught and tamed some sixty fleas. He was six or seven months employed in training them for public performances, but has succee ded even beyond his own expectations,

Col. Thomas Lehre, of S. C., a venerable citizen, esteemed for many virtues in private life, and honored for long and varied services in public trusts, died at Summerville, on Tuesday, from a consumptive decline, which had for some time threatened a fatal termination.

The anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims was celebrated in a spirited manner at Charleston, (S. C.,) on the 22d ult. Dr. F. M. Robertson was the orator of the day.

An intemperate woman died in New York on Friday last, from destitution, if not star vation.

Both Houses of Congress resume their sessions to-morrow.

The Year 1858.

Upon a careful consideration of the events of the year 1858, we have come to the conclusion that it has been, in a commercial point of view, the most important year of the century. We look upon the great events of the year as calculated to produce highly important changes and advantages in our commercial intercourse with the, States and with the whole world.

These great events may be briefly recanitulated as:

1. The successful introduction for the first time of Steam navigation on the New York

11. The conclusion of a Commercial Treaty with China and the opening of several her ports to the ships of the U. S.

III. The Treaty of Commerce between the U. S. and Japan, whereby the staple productions of the U. S. may be made known and appreciated in that hitherto obscure em-

IV. The successful (temporary at least) Telegraphic Communication between Europe and the U. S by means of the Submarine

Any one of these important events is calculated to effect important results to Commerce at large, but the whole collectively, form the most important era of the nineteenth Century .- N. Y. Courier.

The English Lords.

Lords Cavendish and Ashley and their companions are still in the city, having a very happy holiday time with our people. The profess to be particularly pleased with St. Louis. They are young men of the species fast. One of them is reported to have expressed the most unmixed delight at the quality of old Bourbon whiskey he found here .-They had a jovial time of it on Christmas eve. when joined by some of our "devilish good fellows." The party of eight drank fortysight bottles of champagne, (six bottles a piece,) and did not break the convival circle until 7 o'clock in the morning. They attended the masquera le at the Varieties Theatre on the same evening, were very much pleased with what they saw and heard, and liked the free and easy way of doing things at our masquerades. Those of our acquaintances who have been honored with their consideration. represent them as ordinary looking and speaking men. Lord Cavendish is said to do the aw-faw-wa-wa in a limited way. They may stay a week longer .- St. Lonis Dem.

News of the Day.

pened, and continues open to the width of

A letter written from San Francisco, to the earthquake of the 26th of November, says: "At San Jose, 54 miles from here, the earth

ous vapor, or steam.' A letter from Valparaiso states that the ommercial interests of that place have not been affected by the fire, of which we have published an account; the custom house stores

eing in a different quarter of the town. The German immigration since 1852 has outnumbered the Irish, and in 1854 was more than twice as large. In less than eight years there have been nearly 800,000 Germans enered the port of New York alone.

A very graceful monument has just been completed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, with the following inscription:-"To the memory of the brave men who fell at the capture of Barre Forts, in the Canton river, in Novemtheir shipmates." Then follows the names of the vessels, "San Jacinto, Portsmouth, and Levant," which participated in that gallant action. The name of the marine, Corporal McBride, is of course, conspicuous.

France, with a population of over thirty-five nillions, has furnished but a comparatively small contingent to the European emigration. During the last ten years 2,750,000 persons emigrated from Great Britain and Ireland. and from Germany 1,200,000, while France in the same period lost only 200,000 by emigra-

Faubert, a young man of color, from Hayti, obtained the highest prize-the prize of honr-at the concourse of all the colleges in lord France, held at Paris. On the reception of the news, the Emperor immediately sent him one hundred and fifty handsomely bound volumes, a company of National Guards was despatched to wait upon him with a band of muie, and he was invited to dine, and did dine, pying a place between his lady and Prince

The jail physician at Chicago has had 100 cases of delirium tremens the past year, of which only four proved fatal. Of his manner of treatment, the doctor says:-"Ipecacuanha, which I have tried in thirty-six cases, I found most remarkably successful, quieting the neryous system, exciting the appetite, acting on secretions, and uniformly producing sleep.

The Delaware General Assembly will be applied to at the coming session for an extensive lottery grant. Memorials, however, are in circulation among the people of New Castle, and other counties in the State, earnestly protesting against the passage of an act for

Mr. Whitney, of New York, applied to a physician of that city for treatment of bronchial affection. The doctor undertook the application of nitrate of silver by the use of an instrument invented by himself, and durausing the patient's death in one week.

Mr. Douglas received his friends in New York at the Everett House, but had no public lemonstration. Mr. Orr received his friends at the City Hall, and made a speech in reply to a congratulatory address from Mayor Tie mann. Gen. Houston received his visiters at the Metropolitan.

 Λ scamp who has long eluded the police of Philadelphia, was arrested in that city on Tuesday. His place of residence was search- know him. Young Hudson is considered ed, and among his property was found nine one of the most correct young men in the watches, and various articles, mostly bearing | county, and the occurrence has cast a gloom evidence that they had been stolen. The editor of the Fredericksburg News pro-

poses, if he can find a table long enough, to "give a dinner to the numerous subscribers who have allowed us to send them the News for nearly six years, and have not contributed a copper even, towards our expenses!" The London (England) Atheneum states

that Mr. J. Maurice Solomon, a member of the Jewish race, has taken "honors" in each of the five subdivisions of the degree of B. A., in the University of London-being the first time such a thing has been done.

John Prentice, whose house suspended last fall, with liabilities of nearly one million of dollars, gives notice in the New York papers. that he is ready to pay in full all demands. whether compromised or not.

The French armament, which, it is stated in late foreign advices, was fitting out for Central America, is supposed now to have been destined for St. Domingo to further the writ to-day, that his son was a minor, domiciled up French colonial interests there.

Mrs. Fanny Kemble has intimated that she will this winter read in Philadelphia, next in Boston, after which it is her intention to take a final leave of the public.

On the 10th ult., the snow lay so deep on the cone of Vesuvius, as far down as the Observatory, that ascension was impossible.-The oldest inhabitant had not even heard of so early a winter.

The discovery of gold in Kansas, Nebraska, and New Mexico has come just in time to meet the wants of the large class of our population who are adapted to the exciting and variable life of the gold-seekers.

Eleven foreign ships are now in Savannah, or will be there in the next thirty days, after timber. One firm has a contract for fortyseven millions of feet, and some of these vessels are now loading with a portion of it.

The house of Baring propose to extend their American business. A nephew of Mr. Baring and a nephew of Mr. Bates, will be received into partnership with Ward, Campbell &

Col. Abraham Van Buren, son of the ex-President, a resident of Columbia, S. C., recently sold all the slaves on his plantation, 210 in number, for \$147,000, being an aver- Mr. Ruskin, recently addressing an audience age of \$700 each.

The great Mariposa grant of John C. Fremont, in California, is advertised for sale in the tax delinquent list. It is valued at \$200. 000; improvements, \$8,000; total \$44,870; taxes, \$4,428. Our Canadian neighbors have just been ex-

souting a new coinage for small change .-The coins consist of twenty, ten, and five cent pieces, and one cent in bronze. Fresh fish and fresh oysters from Baltimore

are among the daily luxuries at Memphis, in Gen. Micajah T. Hawkins. for many years a representative in Congress from North Carclina, died on the 24th ult.

The health of Havana is good. More strangers than ever before at the same time are said to throng the various hotels.

A Texas paper says several thousand laborers could find employment, at \$1,25 a day. on railroads in that State.

The value of buildings erected in Chicago, the present year, is estimated at \$3,000,000

Virginia News.

Later from Europe.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER FULTON.

15th, put in here this afternoon for coal,-

The Russian nobles are unwilling to eman-

The Emperor of Morocco has given up to

From India there are advices of the capture

of Fort Sinirce, in Oude, by the English,-

Breadstuffs-Flour has a declining tendency-

Barbee, the Sculptor.

found this talented Virginian in true artist

dress, surrounded by his household gods,

at present employed in executing a bust of

agrees to fulfil their wishes at a cost of \$10,-

000. He has, however, intimated his prefer-

Our American marbles being opaque, have

less translucency, and are not, for that reason,

o well adapted to the objects of the sculptor.

This defect, it is thought, will disappear when

our quarries shall have been more deeply

probed. Then, Mr. Barbee thinks we shall

have the finest marble in the world .- Corr.

The Railroad Disaster in Georgia.

train from Macon to Columbus ran off the

track two miles from the latter city. The

fireman and wood-passer were killed, and G.

W. Smith, the engineer, had his jaw broken.

The morning train from Columbus for Ma

con ran off the track at Odum's Mills, where

Ollor the engineer fireman, wood-passer,

ANOTHER DESPATCH .- The train going

through a bridge sixteen miles from Colum-

train hand; a lady and three children, of Tex-

The other bodies have not been recovered .-

The twelve saved, are: Dr. Walker, of Colum-

bus; Dr. Phillips, of Alabama; S. W. Blake,

f New York; Conductor Suell, a gentleman

from Texas, another from Alabama, and four

others, whose names and residences have not

been ascertained. Among the killed are be-

eved to be Thomas O'Brian, of Charleston;

W. P. Dupece, of Houston county: Laura

West, Georgia Van Ness, and Celeste Sharp.

The New Chamber of the Senate.

Workmen are busily engaged, both night

and day, in the completion and preparation

for the reception of the Senate in their new

tout ensemble presents an airier and neater-

hall. Though much after the same style, its

because less gamly—appearance than that of the new House. Neither will compare, how-

ever, for elegant simplicity and solemn gran-

dear, with the respective chambers that have

been disearded. The reception and ante-

rooms attached to the new Senate hall, espe-

ially the room appropriated to the use of the

Vice President, are fitted up in a style of gor-

geousness and splendor that almost defies de-

scription. The walls of the room, to which

ted Tennessee-marble, inlaid with splendid

French plate glass mirrors reaching from the

ceiling almost to the floor. The ceiling is

frescoed in the most beautiful and costly

style, while the floor is tesselated in hand

ome shapes. The length of the present Cau-

width of two hundred and thirty feet, -Rick,

The Nugent Manifesto.

The passengers were uninjured.

Argusta, Ga., Dec. 31 .- This morning the

of Rich Enquirer.

ence of the Italian marble for the purpo

Spain, without conditions, the officers and

bliers captured by the Riff pirates.

the City of Baltimore on the 15th.

minister to Washington.

Company is to wind up.

and prices partially higher.

The Fredericksburg Herald says, "That fine estate lying on the Rappahannock, in King George county, belonging to the heirs Newark Daily Advertiser, in speaking of the of the late Seymour Taliaferro, known as "Hay," was sold a few days ago by W. R. Mason, esq., as Attorney, to Dr. J. R. Tay- eight passengers. She encountered a suclor, of Spottsylvania county, for the sum of rom four to six inches, and emits sulphur- \$30,000, on terms equivalent to cash. There are about 1,000 acres of land in the estate. of twelve days. which is well known on account of its remarkable fertility."

There is an advance not only in the sales of servants, but also in the prices of hiring. Contractors on public works are hiring men at \$150, which affects all other classes. A contractor from Kentucky was here a few cipate their serfs, without full indemnificadays ago, says the Fredericksburg Herald, with "a pile of money" to buy negroes to put on public works in that State. He stated that he had paid \$10,000 for ten negroes in Charlottesville, and wanted still more for which he was willing to pay a like sum.

The Richmond Dispatch says, "On Monday night last, Mons Prave, a French gentleman, for several years past a resident of ber 1856; this monument was erected by this city, died at the American Hotel. A submitted. short time since, Mons. P. sold his dwelling house in this city, and purchased a farm in Chesterfield county. On Wednesday, last, while returning from his farm, he was seized with apoplexy, which termined his existence

The Club of the Ashland race course Hanover is increasing with astonishing rapidity. It was established but a few months ago, and now numbers 150-all gentlemen of respectability and worth.

W. S. Pickett, Esq., takes charge of the heavy: Pork dull: Bacon quiet, and Lard dull. of respectability and worth.

Mansion Hotel, in Leesburg, Va. He is a very courteous and agreeable gentleman, and the people will find him an excellent land John Minor Botts is said to be busily en-

gaged in preparing a great speech for the Whig convention to be held in Richmond in The number of marriage licenses issued

with the Minister of Public Instruction, occu- from the Clerk's office of Londonn County Speaker Orr, having just completed a beauti-Court during the four past years is as follows: 1855, 84; 1856, 109; 1857, 67; 1858, 86. A lady 95 years old danced at a ball, near

> tired out her partner. Well done, old Vir- to the lateness of its introduction, to cause a Wm. T. French, esq., has sold his farm 'Wayside," three miles above Falmouth, for

Wheeling, on Christmas eve, and completely

a little over thirty dollars an acre.

Homicide in King George County. KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA., December 30 1858.—Our usually quiet neighborhood was vesterday evening thrown into considerable excitement by a murder. It seems that two oungmen, named James McDaniel and Wm. Hudson, have not been on good terms for some time, and happened to meet yesterday in the woods, where some men were engaged it cutting down some hollow trees on the land of Mr. H. Wm. Scrivener, when McDaniel immediately attacked Hudson, although Hudson told him that he could only use one arm and could not fight and that if he (McD.) struck him he should defend himself in any manner that he could, at the same time drawing from his pantaloons' pocket a large knife. McDaniel paid no attention to the warning, and rushed upon him, striking him several blows about the head and face, when Hudson plunged the knife into Me-Daniel's left breast, causing death in about

fifteen minutes. the culvert had been washed away. J. H. Young McDaniel's father is a minister of and W. H. Snell were killed. Several passengers were drowned. over his family and friends.-Fred, Record. persons incleuding the hands, and

A Husband Locked up.

The dry routine of the proceedings in the courts of New York city is occasionally relieved by a little romance, of which a curious habeas corpus case before one of the Judges of Gotham, Wednesday, affords an instance, On the 18th of this month, a young nan named James Sinclair, still in his minority, entered into

whose maiden name has not yet auteure Four days after the ceremony the young bride-groom informed Elizabeth that he feared detention nd constraint on the part of his father, and charg ed her to take immediate proceedings to recover his liberty should be be missing. A few days ago she applied for a writ of habons corpus, command-ing John S. Sinclair, her father-in law, to produce the body of her "missing" husband before the court. Her petition states that her father-in-law detains her husband, and refuses to allow him to visit or live with her: that John S. Sinelair has her at all hazards, and will, if necessary, send him out of the country to prevent them from together. The elder Sinclair made a return to the to the date of the writ, in his house, and wholl dependent upon him: that he was not restraine commanded under pain of parental displeasur not to leave the premises. The case was adjourned winter in New York, and the winter following for further hearing, at which some interesting questions will be presented.

Operation on a Horse.

One of the most wonderful cures (so wonderful in fact that we should feel inclined to we have particularly referred, are of variegadoubt its accuracy were we not informed upon the most undeniable authority) that the records of the veterinary art contains has lately been performed in England by Mr. George Holmes, of Beverley, a vetermary surgeon. The animal operated upon was a valuable black horse belonging to Mr. Metcalf, of itol is seven hundred and fifty feet, with a Walkington Wold, which was suffering from water on the chest, and from which Mr. Holmes succeeded in extracting the enormous quantity of 15½ gallons of water in one drawing. This extraordinary operation was performed without a second operation being necessary, and although only a short time since the horse is perfectly well, and it will be dif-

as are opposed to making & In Letcher, Gov-

on the 10th of February.

be held in Richmond.

head to reward Mr. John Nugent, for his partizan service as a "Buchanan man' alifornia, last Presidential campaign, by ficult to detect that anything had ever been River, it was predicted at the time that no the matter with it, or that any operation had ed, but possibly much mischief, would come been performed; in fact the horse is doing it. That prediction would seem to be all the ordinary work with the rest of the realized much sooner even than was expected. team, and has recained its condition to the Note Mr. Nugent's parting "address to the fullest extent. This is the only instance on citizens of the United States in Vancouver's record where such an operation has been per-Island, and British Columbia," Impertinformed with any degree of success. ence and Impudence are stamped upon every line of it. If an Englishman had issued any QUAINT DEFENCE OF SELF CONTRADICTION. such address to British subjects at the gold mines in California, before there was any regin England said: - Some of my hearers, this ular government organized there, he would evening, may occasionally have heard it have been indignantly driven out of the counstated of me that I am rather upt to contra-

Let us do as we would be done by .diet myself. Those I am exceedingly apt to Protection to American citizens" does not do so. I never met with a question yet, of any importance, which did not need for the entail a necessity for any such ill-timed diatribes as these .- New York Express. right solution of it, at least one positive and one negative answer, like an equation of the A Useful Hint. second degree. Mostly, matters of any conse-The difference between rising in the mornquence are three-sided, on four sides for polying at six and eight in the course of forty gonal; and the trotting round a polygonal years amounts to 29,390 hours, or three years is severe work for people any way stiff in one hundred and twenty-one days, and sixtheir opinions. For myself, I amnever satisteen hours, which will could eight hours a day fied that I have handled a subject properly, for exactly ten years; so that rising at six till I have controlleted myself at least three will be the same as if ten years of life were Penac Meetings.—There will be a mee every day for the cultivation of our minds ing of the Whigs and Americans, and all such and the dispatch of business.

> Auction Law. In a recent case in England, on the subject

ernor of Virginia, at Spotsylvania C. H., on this day. Delegates will be appointed to the Whig Convention which meets in 2 ichmond, of the auction purchase of a horse, Lord Campbell said that "if an owner bid at an The Whigs and Americans of King Garge auction, a real bidder, to whom the lot was are requested to meet at January Cours, to knocked down, might avoid the contract, on appoint Delegates to the Whig Convention . the ground that he had been imposed upon, cand his bid forced up to an improper mark."

TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Late and direct Halifax, December 31.—The steamer Fulton from Cowes, with Liverpool dates to the ident's message, but affords no basis for the belief that a revolutionary movement is con-She has 750 tons of freight, and twenty-templated.

While it is repeated that the authorities at cession of violent westerly gales for a period ertain Spanish subjects-this being an isola-The Canada arrived out on the 12th, and ted case—the additional statement is made Lord Abererombie succeeds Lord Napier as of an early adjustment.

The European and American Steamship onductor of the overland mail route between Fort Smith and the Red River, has arrived nine cents in the dollar. They have not ere, having traversed the line to Tipton on horseback. He reports that the road from Tipton to Springfield is the worst ever traelled over by coach, requiring forty hours to make the trip, while in ordinary times only Money was very easy at London and in eighteen hours are necessary. The whole good supply at 2 per cent. Consols closed at 974a97). The funds were buoyant. route is now thoroughly stocked and equipped, and every facility is afforded for speedy and safe travel. Mr. Campbell says that President Butterfield has purchased a large farm Many of the rebels, with their leaders, had n the vicinity of Fayetteville, Arkansas, which he designs making his future resi-

MARMETS. - LIVERPOOL. December 15. - Cotton: sales last three days 22,000 bales, including 1,600 bales to speculators, and the same amount for ex-St. Louis, Dec. 31.—The overland California mail of the 3d inst., has arrived, bringmarket generally closed with an adancing tendency, the extreme price obtained in ome cases showing an advance of 1-16. ing two through passengers. The accounts from the Gila River mines are favorable Manchester advices are favorable. Market firmer One of the mail stations has been robbed of its entire stock of mules by the Indians. The snow and ice on the route had nearly prices easier, but quotations unchanged. Wheat very dull, but nominally unchanged. Corn dull. disappeared, in consequence of the late warm

and quotations nominal. Southern Flour 20s.: Ohio 24s. Corn. mixed, 246c 27s. weather. Boston, Dec. 31.—Officers French Weeks, first and second officers of the ship Waverly, of Boston, condemned to ten years imprisonment at Ceuta, for trying to quell a mutiny on board that vessel, at Manilla, in While upon a visit to it this morning, I was 1855, have been pardoned by the Spanish led to stroll into the studio of Mr. Barbee. government, through the intercession of Mr. situated in the basement of the Capitol. I Dodge, U. S. Minister at Madrid.

Boston, Dec. 30.-The Bay State Mills Corporation, of Lawrence, organized to-day, prominent among which is his famous Fisher under the name of the Washington Mills, by Girl, that has been so much admired. He is electing a Board of Directors, and other offi-Joseph F. Fay was chosen treasurer. His bonds are \$30,000. The capital is limiful female figure, in marble, representing ted to \$2,000,000. An excess of subscription of over \$1,700,000, is to be divided among the nate of Virginia. A proposition was made creditors of the Bay State Mills.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The telegraph reports in the Legislature of Maryland, last winter. which was not, however, acted upon, owing cold yesterday. At Portland, the thermometer was 2 degrees below zero; at Bangor, than seven hundred and seventy millions of statue, representing Washington in the act of Me., 12 degrees; at Calaias, Me., and Mon-dollars. The following are the works or surrendering his commission, to be executed in American marble, by an American sculp- treal, 14 degrees: at St. Johnsburg, Vt., 24 tor, and placed upon the very spot where the scene to which I have referred was enacted. and at Ogdensburg, N. Y., 10 degrees below Pacific Railroad—one British line..... 150,000,000 This proposition, it is supposed, will be ac- zero. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31 .- A man named ceded to and the parties having it in charge have already consulted Mr. Barbee, who

Webb was shot and killed here, at noon today, by W. A. Choice. A public meeting was held at the court-house this evening, to determine whether the law shall be allowed to take its course, or hang Choice on the spot. A mob is now assailing the calaboose, and there is great excitement. TROY. Dec. 30 .- In consequence of the

large quantity of counterfeit twenty dollar bills on the State Bank at Troy, a circular has been issued by the Bank calling in all their twenties, so that they may be destroyed. The counterfeits are so well executed as to deceive the most expert, and large quantities were taken by the bank.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—Private advices from Cuba say that a squad of Americans are in Cuba, ready to aid the revolutionists. All have gone there with regular passports. St. Louis, Dec. 30 .- Authentic accounts. onfirmatory of the previous advices respect-

ing the richness and extent of the Kansas and Nebraska gold mines, continue to pour in. SAVANNAH, Dec. 30.—The Republican says | each citizen at the ballot-box po

western Georgia. St. Louis, Dec. 31.-A collision between birs, killing seventeen persons. The following bodies have been recovered: Two Misses has occurred 70 miles below here. The for-

Guices, of Salem, Alabama; W. H. Snell, a mer was damaged to the value of \$5,000. Detroit Dec. 31 .- The Tribune office was as: two ladies of Columbus-names unknown. | burnt this morning, together with its con-

tents. Loss \$25,000. Burns, and the Bostonians.

There are to be two celebrations of Burns articlay in Boston, instead of one. The high price of tickets of the one necessitating a heaper one for those who cannot afford to pay more than \$3 a ticket. Well, the more the merrier

The Boston Journal says:

"John C. Moore, the Secretary pro tem of the editor of the Avr (Scotland) Advertiser, in which we are promised a Scotch haggis made in the cotwhere Burns was born; also several photographic views of Bonnie Doon, the Cottage, Kirk Alloway, and other noted localities. These will be sent to Boston in one of the British steamers, and

Apropos, it has been stated that Mrs. Begg. sister of the poet Burns, recently deceased, was buried in the yard of Alloway Kirk, beside her brother. This is a mistake. It is her father who is buried there, and not the length you choose, written in a legible hand noet, whose remains lie in Dumfries. A cor- and correctly spelt and punctuated, say once

rs. Begg last summer, and on one occasion took tea at her table with herself and daughter. Mrs. B. was then quite bright, conversed very agreeably in regard to her distinguished brother, and repeated with spirit some of his compositions."—New York

A Pacific Railroad, but not now The New York Post is in favor of a Pacific Railroad-but is not in favor of undertak-

ing the work at present, for the reason that-"Our public and private affairs are not in a condition to warrant enormous expendi- the negroes have holiday. The weather is When the Administration took it into its | tures in any direction-when the country is just emerging from the depressions of an al- The sun does not rise quite as early as it did most unparalleled crisis—a crisis brought last summer, nor does it impart as much heat, about, in the opinion of a large number of but I am inclined to think it gives as much creating him U. S. Commissioner of Frazer competent political economists, by the reck- light, while it does shine, as usual. less extravagance of our railroad speculations -when we are still hundreds of millions of dollars in debt for railroads which pay inter- ting in their corn. The wheat harvest will. est to foreign bondholders, but no dividends to the domestic owners of the stock-when June. the federal treasury is not only depleted, but is staggering under its exhaustion, and the Administration is in the hands of men, whose brains teem with wild schemes of intervention

A Negro Sentinel.

and war.

Theodore Parker, in a recent lecture on Washington, at Boston, repeated the following anecdote, related to him by an old soldier, who vouched for its truth:

"At Cambridge, General Washington had heard that the colored soldiers were not to be depended upon for sentries. So one night, when the pastword was "Cambridge," he went outside the camp. put on an overcoat, and then approached a colored ntinel. "Who goes there?" cried the sentinel. "A friend," replied Washington, "Friend, advance unarmed, and give the countersign," said the colored man. Washington came up and said "Rox-bury." "No, sar," was the response. "Medford," said Washington. "No, sar!" returned the colored soldier. "Charlestown," said Washington. added, wherein we may command eight hours | The colored man immediately exclaimed, "I tell you, Massa Washington, no man go by here 'out he say Cambridge." Washington said "Cambridge," and went by; and the next day the colored gentleman was relieved of all further necessity for attending to that particular branch of military duty."

NEW BOOKS.—The City of the Great King, or Jerusalem as it was, as it is, and as it is to

be, price \$3. In and Around Stamboul, \$1.25. Hadji in Syria, or Three Years in Jerusalem, price JOHN. H. PARROTT. present, from

Improvements in Virginia.

Virginia was never better able than now intelligence from Havana reiterates that much to extend a liberal assistance to the lines excitement prevails there concerning the Pre- internal improvement. The Richmond Equirer of day before vesterday made an exhibit of the financial condition of the Stati Treasury, which shows that the credit of the State is in an excellent condition, and that Tampico have, through the efforts of the Cap- after providing for all expenses and appr tain General of Cuba, satisfied the claims of priations, and making the contribution to quired by the Constitution to the Sinking Fund, we will still have a surplus, and will that the difficulties between the government | be able, at the next session, to reduce the of Spain and that of Mexico are in a fair way taxes. Our condition is still better illustrated by that financial barometer of the cour St. Louis, Dec. 30.—James Campbell, the try-Wall Street in New York-where V ginia State Stocks are new quoted at ninety

ranged as high as this before, since 1851.

Under the operation of the Sinking Fund clause of the Constitution, there is amplsecurity for the ultimate extinguishment the public debt-unless the State repudiate. which is a contingency no one has ever en tertained for a moment. And this, too, on the supposition that we never receive a dol lar in return for our investments in public works. But, in point of fact, we have a prospect of dividends from several of the Railroad Companies of the State, and in a very few years. The Danville Road has already declared a dividend. So has the Central: which, however, has been applied to the further prosecution of the road to the West, The Richmond and Fredericksburg Road has been paying a semi-annual dividend for years. The Orange and Alexandria Road will do the same thing as soon as its connections are completed. And, in view of the vast and unprecedented increase in the business of the Virginia and Tennessee Road, no one can doubt its ability to reimburse its stockholders, after it has overcome the usual obstaclewhich encumber every line of internal improvement when it is first made,-Lynchbury Virginian.

Modern Enterprise - Great Progress of the Day To enable our readers to appreciate the magnitude of modern projects, we have pre-

pared a review, necessarily incomplete, of the vast works on which the labor and capital of the men of to-day are being expended or are about soon to be expended. Although they embrace only works that are familiar to our readers, and do not extend to any of those projects that are being considered or carried out in those quarters of the world that are outside of the ordinary range the weather in various sections exceedingly of our influence and observation, their estimated cost amounts in the aggregate to no less

> projects that we have specially referred to:-Suez Ship Canal .. Nicaragua Ship Canal. Niagara Falls Canal...... Lake Erie and Michigan Canal. 10.000.000 18,000,000 Toronto and Georgian Bay Canal. Lake Champlain and St. Lawrence Ca-5,000,000 nal. hio Falls Canal 5,000,000 Tehuantepee route 7,000,000 Honduras Railroad. Central Mexican Railroad 15,000,000 The Victoria Bridge over the St. Law 10,000,000 Alps Tunnel. 2,000,000 715,000 Bergen Tunnel .. Atlantic Telegraph-

> 1,500,000 Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph. This table suffices of itself to give an idea of the immense activity of the age. N. F.

> > A Noble Sentiment.

The Governor of Georgia embodies the following in his annual message:-No monarch rules here? And it is the pride of our system, of our government, that

that two of the recently imported Africans rights of sovereignty with every other one .have been arrested at Macon, and brought to | Thanks be to our Heavenly Father, the popufrom Macon to Columbus had on board 29 Savannah. They were en route to south- lar voice cannot here be hushed in the silence of despotism, but the popular will dictates the law. May it thus ever remain! How important it is, therefore, that the masses of the people be educated, so each may be able to read, and understand for himself the constitution and history of his country, and to judge and decide for himself what are the true principles and policy of his government. But how much more important it is, in my opinion, that every person in the state be enabled to read for himself in the Holy Bible and to comprehend the great principles of Christianity, in the eternal truths of which, I am a firm, though humble believer. Edu cate the masses, and inculcate virtue and morality, and you lay broad and deep, in the

hearts of our people, the true basis of our future progress. I COMMUNICATED.

MUSHTOWN, VA., Dec. 25 .- Observing the numerous communications by Village correspondents, and duly appreciating the importance of keeping your readers constantly advised upon matters of interest daily tranpiring in all parts of the land, I have thought it not improbable that you would like to se cure the services of a correspondent in this place, and, therefore, propose the following terms: I will furnish a communication of any a week, retailing all items of general interest "I had the pleasure of several interviews with to your readers, upon condition that you will furnish the necessary postage stamps and oc casionally mention me in terms compliment tary-such as "our highly intelligent corres-

pondent in Mushtown, &c. I have ample leisure from my professional engagements for the collection of news, and there are constantly transpiring in this neigh borhood, events well worthy of record. As a sample of my future contributions. I sul mit the following:

This is Christmas day in our place, and all unusually fine for the season of the year.

Our farmers have generally killed their hogs, and many of them are engaged in getprobably, commence about the latter part of

I had the pleasure of taking tea with Mr. Jones, an intelligent minister, of this place, and listened with great pleasure to an extenpore grace which he said before sitting down to the table. I understand that this is the universal custom of the Reverend elergy of all denominations in this Village, and it argues a high state of religious activity, which speaks well for our community. Mrs. Jones's last baby is a girl, two weeks old on Tuesday evening next. It adds considerably to the troubles of this excellent lady, but it will be agreeable to the numerous friends of the worthy minister to hear that this addition to his family will enhance his salary after the meeting of the next Conference.

Mr. Jackson has lately aided a coal shed to his blacksmith shop, which adds greatly to his convenience, and evinces a spirit of improvement in the Village.

The difficulty between Free Bill and Mr Johnson's Joe, about the hamper basket, has been honorably and amicably adjusted.

The Mushtown Debating Society hold their weekly meetings, and is in a highly prosperous condition. The question for discussion on Friday last was: "Is the cause of Literature advanced, and the happiness of the people promoted by Village correspondents to City papers;" which was ably discussed by the whole society, and decided in the negative by a vote of seven to two. No more at